

October 10, 2008

STARS

Nebraska Department of Statewide Assessment has completed a review of all Math Portfolio appeals submitted by School Districts. All districts can review their portfolio ratings through the NDE Portal on the Nebraska-Led Peer Review of STARS link under the Data Collections tab. If you have any questions, please contact Statewide Assessment at 402-471-2495.

State of the Schools Report

Districts that have submitted Requests to Change Data, Appeals and Explanations have all been approved to resubmit during the November 3-12 window. A letter will be sent to each district but the letters won't be mailed until later.

Nebraska State Accountability

A revised RFP (**NDE 08-449-02**) was posted on the Department's homepage on October 10, 2008.

NSSRS

An updated "Who Reports What" (dated 10/08/2008) is now available on the NSSRS Documents (<http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nssrs/Documents.htm>) web page. Changes include a streamlined formatting that focuses on the student's situation and separate sections for public, nonpublic, state operated systems (Special Purpose Schools), Rule 18 Interim-program Schools, and Exempt Schools.

A new section has been added to the NSSRS Documents web page titled "Program-specific Information". This section provides links to resources developed by various NDE programs in support of quality data submissions via NSSRS.

Districts with audits underway have reported that the updated Verification reports on the NSSRS Validation website have been particularly useful. As mentioned in last week's NDE Bulletin, the School and District-wide "Average Daily Attendance and Average Daily Membership" verification reports now include both Days In Session and as well as calculated ADA and ADM values. Also available is the new "Student Summary Attendance Lookup" tool that enables listing individual Student Summary Attendance records by specific Locations and Grades.

Clarification: Students that completed the 2007-2008 school year but did ***not*** enroll at the start of the 2008-2009 school year (i.e. Summer Dropouts) are to be reported via School Enrollment with an Enrollment Code [School Enrollment: Enrollment Code (7)] of 205 (Not Enrolled, Eligible to Return) in 2008-2009. Those students do not meet the criteria for a dropout (Enrollment Code of 202) until September 25, 2009 (i.e. the last Friday in September of the ***following*** school year). By contrast, all students that withdrew ***prior*** to the end of the 2007-2008 school year must be reported with either Enrollment Code of 201 (Transfer out) or 202 (Dropout) as of September 26, 2008 during the November 3 – 12 collection window for corrections to 2007-2008 data. Instructions pertaining specifically to reporting of dropouts, completers, and transfers will be posted soon.

Reminder: The following student-related templates are due Wednesday, October 15 (revisions accepted through October 31, 2008):

- Student,
- October Student Snapshot (students enrolled on last Friday in September 2008 with a snapshot date of 2008-10-01),
- School Enrollment,
- Programs Fact (for Early Childhood), and
- Special Education Snapshot (students with a verified disability as of October 1, 2008 plus students exiting special education between July 1, 2008 and October 1, 2008).